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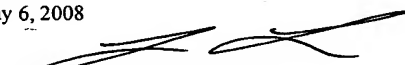
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

SIR:

In response to the requirement for election of species contained in the Office Action dated January 14, 2008, Applicants elect species II (corresponding to claims 14-16, 18 and 19, according to the Examiner) for further prosecution on the merits. As acknowledged by the Examiner, claims 13 and 20-24 are generic claims readable on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's contention that claim 17 is specifically limited to Figs. 1 and 4. In contrast to the Examiner's contention, the limitations of claim 17 ("at least one electrical control unit is assigned to the first mechanical device and at least one further electrical control unit is assigned to the second mechanical device") clearly read on all Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5a-5d, and 6a-6d since these Figures all have at least one control unit (11 or 12) assigned to one mechanical device (10) and a different control unit (21 or 22) assigned to another mechanical device (20).

Applicants also request a **three-month extension of time** to respond to the Restriction Requirement, the extended due date being May 14, 2008. Please charge the required **\$1,050** extension fee to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, deposit account number **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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